



October 28, 2022

Dear Neighbor,

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Management Forestry program is responsible for the stewardship and Management of over 300,000 acres in the Massachusetts State Forest and Parks System.

In early 2018 the DCR Management Forestry Program proposed a forestry project in Townsend State Forest off Barker Hill Road (see attached map). A project in this area is to be conducted to remove trees at risk to forest pathogens, release established regeneration, remove hazard trees along forest roads and trails, and provide wildlife habitat.

In line with the Division Policy, legislation (Chapter 592 of the Acts of 1982) passed in December 1982, amending section 42, Chapter 132 of the General Laws, this notice is being sent prior to the commencement of cutting to all abutters within two hundred feet of said sale area.

Over the next several weeks the DCR will be offering the project to qualified contractors. Signs will be erected to notify forest visitors once harvest activity begins and to communicate safety awareness to visitors of the forest. Harvesting activities will be restricted to fall-winter conditions.

The DCR will also be offering a **pre-harvest walk on November 8, 2022 starting at 4:00PM** at the entrance to the project along Barker Hill Road to discuss the project, its purpose, a description of the forestry practice being implemented and to answer questions from the public.

We hope you can join us and encourage you to visit the following resources:

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/forestry-on-state-public-lands>

<https://www.mass.gov/guides/northeast-forest-management-projects#-barker-hill,-townsend-state-forest->

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/managing-our-forests-for-carbon-benefits>

Sincerely,

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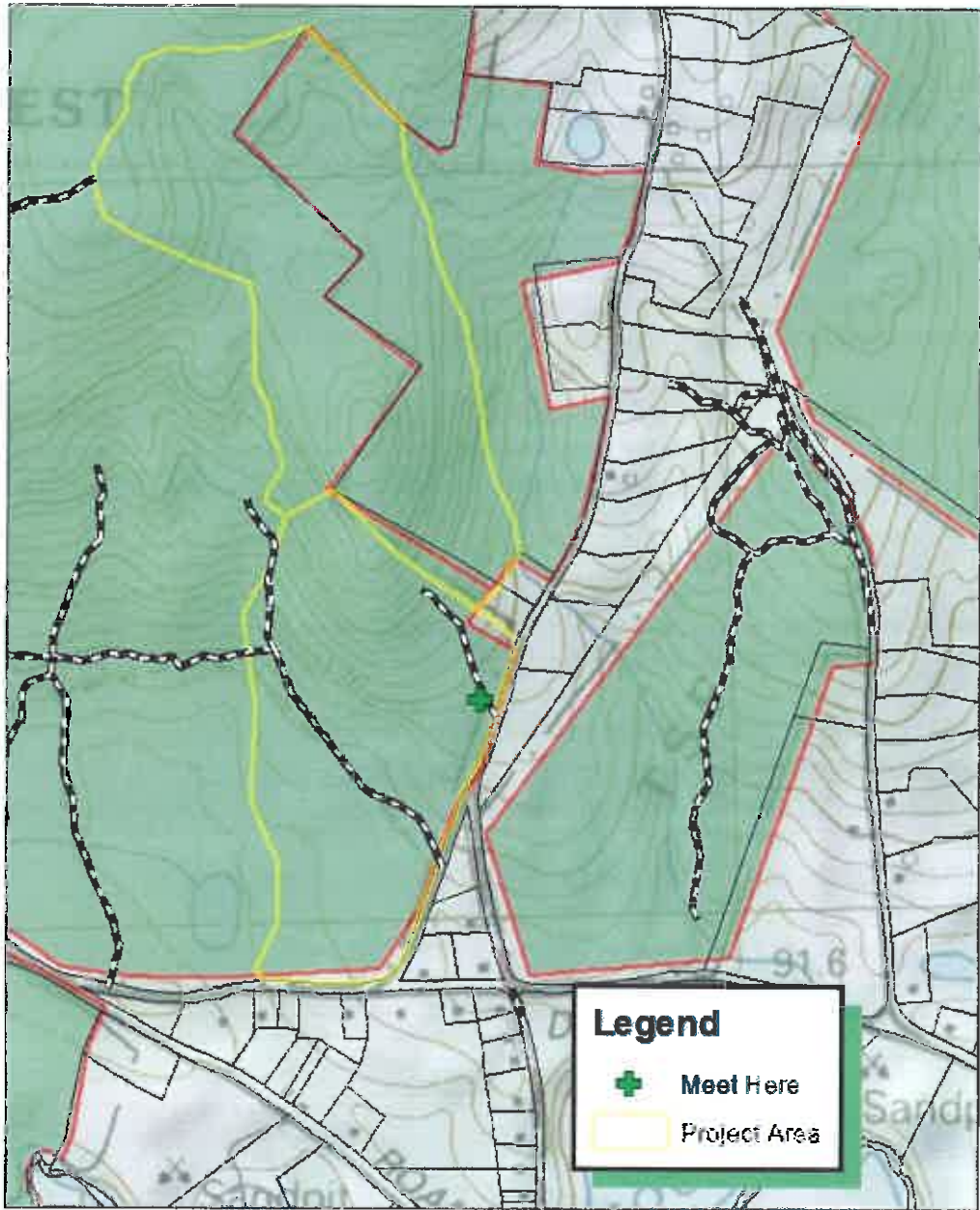
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